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**FATHER’S DAY**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #379 “There Is Beauty All Around”

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian transliteration:

*Véhrn yergink geh Dzee-Dza-ghee, yérp sér gah dahn métch*

*Varn yérgeer Sirov- eh- lee, yérp sér gah dahn métch*

*Zov choorern anoosh yérkérn, yév Jah-jahn-chah-kegh yétérn*

*Dérn al geh hahvni parts-rérn, yérp sér gah dahn metch, sér dahn métch*

*Sér dahn métch, Dérn al geh hahvni parts-rérn, yérp sér gah dahn metch*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (in unison)

 O God, Creator and Father of us all, Who has planned that we should dwell together in homes and families, grant that we may bring about love and harmony within our families, so we can share in the joys of human comradeship and be a blessing to each other, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who taught us to pray: *“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**LITANY FOR FATHER’S DAY SUNDAY:**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are they who rejoice in their children.

**PEOPLE: To them is revealed the fatherhood of God.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are they who know the power of love.

**PEOPLE: They dwell in God, for God is love.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are the songful of soul.

**PEOPLE: They carry light and joy to shadowed lives.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are they who see visions.

**PEOPLE: They shall rejoice in the hidden ways of God.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are they who have understanding hearts.

**PEOPLE: To them shall be multiplied kingdoms of delights.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are the childless, loving children still.

**PEOPLE:** **Theirs shall be a mightier family -- even as the stars of Heaven.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are they whose memories we cherish.

**PEOPLE:** **Our thoughts are jewels to their crowns.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *Proverbs 4:1-5 (p.989),*

*Ephesians 6:1-4 (1823)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** *“A Godly Father”*

**\*HYMN** #401*“Faith of Our Father’s” (vs.1,4)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *Selected verses from the Bible*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** *“A Good Father”*

**\*HAYR MER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**: *“Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\*Latecomers may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US,** especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers, to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church, and to make this your church home.

**GRADUATE NAMES:** Please advise the Church office by email office@accdetroit.org, or call the Church at 248-352-0680, if you have any names of graduates to mention in next week’s bulletin.

**COFFEE HOUR TODAY:** Please do not use the Social Hall this morning, as it is prepared for next Sunday’s Birthday Celebration. Come to the conferene room, past Social Hall, for coffee hour after worship. Thank you.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 22, IS REV. TOOTIKIAN’S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON:** at 12:30 p.m. Today is the deadline for reservations.

**SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR OR ALTAR FLOWERS:** Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**

1. A good father is one who keeps himself physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy, so that his offspring may have a clean birth.
2. A good father cooperates with a good mother, to make a home that is wholesome and happy.
3. A good father is a good provider. He provides a suitable house, necessary clothes, and sufficient food for the family.
4. A good father gives some of his time to his children, for family recreation.
5. A good father sets a good example of a well-rounded person, and becomes a good model for his children.
6. A good father loves his wife and children more than his work, his pleasures, and his club.
7. A good father assumes the role as the head of the household, and demonstrates his leadership by precept and personal example.
8. A good father is one who makes time for and conducts family worship.
9. A good father is one who does not send his wife and children to church, but takes them personally.
10. A good father is one who leads his children to God. The children grow up in Christian faith and become prepared for an unbroken family reunion in heaven.